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SUBJ: AID MONEY

FOR SISCO FROM MOYNIHAN

1. I AM LOST IN ADMIRATION FOR YOUR TOUCH IN THE
MIDDLE EAST AND WONDER IF YOUR DEFT HAND COULD BE
SPARED FOR A MOMENT FOR SOUTH ASIA.

2. NOW THAT THE RUPEES ARE OUT OF THE WAY, I AM GIVEN
TO BELIEVE THAT THE INDIAN WILL MOVE RIGHT ALONG ON
THAT AGENDA WHICH WE DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON A YEAR
AGO. THE NEXT ITEM IS AID AND WE HAVE TOLD THEM IN
WASHINGTON, PARIS, AND HERE THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO
DISCUSS IT ON THEIR INITIATIVE. PERHAPS BECAUSE I AM A
NEWCOMER TO THE GAME, I FEEL UNEASY WHEN I TALK ABOUT
GIVING AWAY MONEY THAT I DON'T HAVE. TO PRESERVE MY
PEACE OF MIND, I TOLD DON MACDONALD A COUPLE OF WEEKS
AGO THAT I NEEDED THE MONEY SET ASIDE FOR INDIA IN
THIS YEAR'S AID BILL. TO MY SURPRISE, DON REPORTED IT
HAD MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED. I DON'T ACCEPT THIS
AND AM TELLING DON SO IN ANOTHER MESSAGE.

3. PLEASE DON'T MISUNDERSTAND ME. I PLAN NO GREAT
NEW INDIAN GIVEWAY. BILATERAL AID SHOULD NEVER BE THE
KEY ELEMENT IN OUR NEW RELATIONSHIP. BUT WE ARE
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COMMITTED TO DISCUSS IT AND WE MUST BE IN A POSITION

TO DELIVER IT IF THOSE DISCUSSIONS PRODUCE AGREEMENT.

4. ALTHOUGH I ASKED DON ABOUT THE FULL \$75 MILLION PROPOSED FOR INDIA, I HAVE NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT AMOUNTS. I CAN NO DOUBT GET AWAY WITH AS LITTLE AS \$20 MILLION IF I NEED IT. AND I WILL GIVE UP THAT \$20 MILLION IN PLENTY OF TIME FOR IT TO BE OBLIGATED ELSEWHERE IF I DON'T. THERE REMAINS MUCH TO BE SETTLED WITH THE INDIANS, INCLUDING WHETHER THEY WANT OUR AID ENOUGH TO AGREE TO STOP CRITICIZING US FOR GIVING IT. BUT AGAIN, IF THEY SAY AND DO ALL THE RIGHT THINGS -- WELL, YOU KNOW THE REST.
MOYNIHAN

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